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CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)

Accomplishments through October 24, 2003:

Placement of base aggregate is basically completed. The guardrail is continuing. The Alta pit has been reclaimed and seeded. All of the project seeding has been completed. The seeding that started today on the project and the straw waddles that have been placed on the cut slopes are being done by the USFS, under a separate contract

Future activities planned for the project:

Punching of guardrail posts will continue. If the weather continues to be nice Pumco should start checking the base aggregate hubs to make sure they are correct and finishing the base aggregate. Paving will start after all guardrail posts are installed, and the base aggregate is finished weather permitting.

Other news of note:

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:30 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday, **and 7:30 am to 3:30 pm Saturday. There will be no road closures for the following week, only flaggers and pilot cars. Once paving starts up the closures will start up again.** Work will continue through October of this year due to the new Slate Creek culvert being installed. Work is still scheduled to be completed this year.

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car. Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flagger's directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the workers.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

